



Memorandum of Understanding: 2012-2013

For Charter Members

Nebraska State Accountability - Check for Learning System: C4L

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) has built a new interim assessment system and state item bank that will provide districts the opportunity to “Check for Learning” and to build interim assessments on selected state standards throughout the school year. This system, called **Check 4 Learning** (C4L) will allow districts to “check for learning” on student performance on Nebraska academic content standards throughout the 2012-13 school year and to adjust instruction prior to district administration of the summative NeSA tests in the spring.

The Check for Learning System (C4L) will be accessible to all Nebraska school districts, using the CAL software system, the same software used for the state NeSA tests. Participation by districts is strictly voluntary. C4L will be available only to districts that choose to participate and sign a Memorandum of Understanding, agreeing to specific conditions. The C4L Memorandum of Understanding will commit the district to specific contributions to the system.

As superintendent of _____, I _____
District Name Superintendent Name

am committing our district to participate in the Nebraska Department of Education Check 4 Learning (C4L) in 2012-2013. I understand that participation in this assessment system will not require any direct payment to the NDE, but our district will commit to the following resources:

- Submission to NDE of 10 items in each subject area (reading, mathematics, and science) due on or before August 1, 2012. **Additional training is not required this year—districts may view the training video and materials on the assessment website.** The items may be from any of the grade levels, 3-8, and 11 in reading and mathematics and grades 5, 8, and 11 in science. The items will be submitted based upon the specified requirements provided by NDE. Once the items are submitted to NDE, they shall remain the property of NDE for future use.
- Participation of trained staff members in item development/peer review training as requested by NDE at specified times during the 2012-2013 year. In general, this will not exceed 3-4 days per subject area.



Terms of the Agreement

To be effective, this MOU and accompanying contact sheet shall be signed, dated and submitted to the NDE Assessment Office no later than **May 31, 2012**, and will remain in effect from **June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013**.

NDE will not reimburse travel, lodging, meals, substitutes or pay stipends for C4L work. Districts will be responsible for paying their own staff costs.

Forms may be faxed, scanned or mailed to NDE.

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The school district agrees that NDE, and its officials, employees and agents will not be liable to the district or any of its officials in regard to the district's use of Check 4 Learning.

Either party may terminate the agreement without liability upon five days written notice to the other.

As Superintendent, I have read the above Memorandum of Understanding and agree to its terms on behalf of the school district below:

Name

Date

School District